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GOOD CHANCE

FOR DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

Frankfort Will Make Hard Fight to Land Gathering.

BECKHAM'S FRIENDS DO NOT THINK THAT LOUISVILLE IS THE PROPER PLACE.

LEXINGTON ALSO ANXIOUS

Frankfort may get the next Democratic State convention. A movement is now on foot to have the convention here in Frankfort instead of in Louisville or Lexington and it is said that the plans for holding the big gathering in the Capital City will be successful. It is known that the men who were allied with Gov. J. C. W. Beckham do not want the convention held in Louisville and are willing to have it held anywhere, so long as Louisville does not get it. When it was suggested that Louisville ought not to have the convention on account of the votes cast in the Senatorial race by the three members from Louisville, Frankfort then began to get busy, hoping that they could land the convention here. Whether or not they will be successful remains to be seen, as Louisville will make a hard fight and will have strong support from many of the delegates who want to be in Louisville.

Lexington and Frankfort are both making strong efforts to land the convention, and it now seems that there may be a chance that the convention will be held in one or the other city, with Louisville left out in the cold. Gov. Beckham's friends do not want Louisville to have the convention and Frankfort people think that they may profit by this to have the convention held here. It would be a big thing for Lexington or Frankfort for the convention probably will be the largest that has been held in many years. There is great interest in the convention on account of the recent fight within the party and the fact that the reorganization of the party will be taken up and completed at the convention. Hundreds of men, not delegates to the convention, and every man who can be sent as a delegate, will go to the convention, no matter where it is held.

The State Executive Committee, of which Lewis McQuown is chairman, will be called to meet shortly to determine the time and place for holding the state convention. The committee will meet within the next few weeks and it is now probable that the convention will be called for the latter part of June, just before the National convention. A late convention seems to be generally agreed upon and the Kentucky delegates would be selected only a few days before they would leave for Denver.

Frankfort is making arrangements for the convention, and the men interested in holding the convention here have already decided that Frankfort is perfectly capable of handling it, be it ever so large. The theater could be used for the convention and plenty of room could be provided for the delegates and those who would attend as spectators. Those who want the convention held in Frankfort say that this place has ample hotel accommodations to care for almost any size crowd, the Capital hotel and other hotels being able to handle even more people than would come to the State convention. The Legislature brings big crowds here and they have always been taken care of. In case the convention should be too large for the opera house, the skating rink could be pressed into service and would be an admirable place in which to hold the big gathering. When Ollie M. James spoke here last fall several thousand persons were seated in the skating rink and it accommodated the big crowd nicely.

Frankfort is going to make a try for the convention at any rate and the chances for landing it seem to be good.

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This is thought to have been the cause

of the incendiarism. No one saw the

mob enter town and it was evidently

composed of a small body of men.

To protect Mt. Sterling from a raid

by night riders, a detachment of fif-

teen militiamen under command of

Lieut. Jenkins has been ordered to

that city.

FEELING TRIBUTE

TO DEPARTING BRETHREN.

FRANKFORT LODGE OF ELKS

DOES THE HANDSOME THING

AT SOCIAL SESSION.

The Frankfort Lodge of Elks added another laurel to their wreath on Wednesday night when they gave an elegant supper in honor of the Elks among the retiring officers on State House square, the members of the K. D. & W., force who will shortly take up their residence in Louisville and the incoming officials. It was the regular meeting for the annual election of officers but it was turned into a jollification and the occasion has never been surpassed in the history of the Frankfort Lodge.

Although the election of officers was unusually spirited, everyone present seemed to be out for a good time and they had it. After the regular routine business a bounteous supper was served, consisting of everything in season. It was during this feature that Col. H. Z. Churchill, better known by his brother Elks as "Bishop", shone. Members of the lodge say that never in its history has this feature of the annual session been so tastefully arranged. During the repast the Frankfort Quartette sang several popular songs and they added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

The lodge assembled at 8 o'clock and the election of officers for the ensuing year was entered into. There were several candidates for most of the places and the contest became spirited. The election resulted as follows:

Exalted Ruler—C. E. Booe.
Leading Knight—W. Pruett Graham.
Loyal Knight—C. L. Roberts.
Lecturing Knight—Charles H. Morris.

Secretary—John H. Stuart.
Treasurer—Woodson Coleman.
Tyler—Charles Whitehead.
Trustee—James Heeney.
Representative to Grand Lodge—Geo. L. Barnes. Alternate—J. Swigert Taylor.

Mr. R. W. McRery, representing the lodge, delivered an address on behalf of the retiring brothers that will long be remembered by those who heard it. He spoke feelingly of the brothers who are soon to scatter in different directions and at the conclusion of his address the applause was deafening. Everything else was submerged in the general feeling of brotherly love that was so manifest among all present and the departing brothers, no matter where they may go, will never receive a heartier nor a more sincere God-speed than they received on this occasion.

Mr. Charles J. Howes, representing the departing Elks on State House square responded with one of the most eloquent and feeling addresses that has ever been delivered in a lodge room in this city. Mr. Howes paid a glowing tribute to Frankfort lodge. Feeling and appropriate addresses were also delivered by Messrs. A. J. Lynch and John P. Hanley.

The occasion, as a whole, was such as to give impetus to the lodge in Frankfort, and all of the members went home feeling that it was one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings ever held in the Capital City.

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WORK IS BEING PUSHED.

Gov. Willson this week signed the bill appropriating \$460,000 for the completion and furnishing of the new Capitol, and \$16,000 a year for the maintenance of the building. He vetoed that section of the bill which provides that Frank M. Andrews should be retained as architect for so long a time as the Capitol Commission should determine that an architect was necessary. The bill was so framed that this section could be vetoed and the remainder of the bill approved, the Republicans working a smooth game on the Democrats at the last minute. There was much disappointment here when it was known that the Andrews section of the bill had been settled to the satisfaction of everybody. The history of this is interesting as showing how things can be done at the last minute, when everybody is thinking about getting away and few know exactly what has been done.

The bill appropriating money for the new Capitol was held up in the House until the last night of the legislative session, on account of the fact that the Governor had sent word that he would veto the whole bill if it was passed as it had gone through the Senate—that is, with a section providing that Mr. Andrews must be retained as architect. This section was so framed that it could not have been vetoed separately but would have to be considered as a whole with the other parts of the bill. On the last night the bill was reported in the House, and called up by the Rules Committee. An amendment was offered providing that the present architect should be retained only so long as an architect should be deemed necessary. This was made a separate appropriation bill may be vetoed clause, and an appropriation of not to exceed \$23,000 made for the payment of the architect's fees. The amendment was accepted, the Democrats, who wanted to insure Mr. Andrews' retention as architect voting for the bill as amended, under the impression that it would be acceptable to Gov. Willson. Under the law any part of an appropriation bill may be vetoed and the remainder approved if the section disapproved carries an appropriation.

At any rate Frankfort is most interested in the completion of the new Capitol, and wants it finished as soon as possible, regardless of who is the architect. This completion is now assured, and the work will be pushed at once. Attorney General Breathitt said yesterday that he expected to be in his new quarters in the new Capitol within six months, and for this reason he may not make some of his appointments, under the bill allowing him three assistants, until after the new Capitol is ready to be occupied. The Attorney General has not enough room now to accommodate all his force, and he may not have them begin their services until the new offices are ready. He expects this to be not later than six months from now. The other members of the Capitol Commission also believe that they will be in the new building by that time, and are well pleased over the prospects of getting out of the old and unsanitary buildings which they are now occupying.

A meeting of the Capitol Commission will be held within a few days and the question of an architect will be taken up. The question of furnishings for the new building also will be considered, and it is probable that within a few weeks the furnishings will be selected, in part, and within less than a year the whole business of the State will be transacted in the new building.

GOVERNOR

ES HIS ARDUOUS TASK.

Off For

GOVERNOR COX

BECOMES ACTING GOVERNOR

TO-MORROW.

MESSAGE BEING PREPARED.

Every bill which was passed by the recent Legislature has been either approved or disapproved by Gov. Willson, who has been working until after midnight every night for more than a week, and the now is going to New York on a business trip, which will also give him a rest and change after his arduous duties. Lieut. Gov. W. H. Cox will reach Frankfort Saturday morning and will assume the duties of acting governor on Sunday, after Gov. Willson has left Kentucky.

The Governor will be away about a week. He has an important law case to argue in New York and this is what is taking him out of the State, but the trip is also to be made a restful one and Gov. Willson will take Mrs. Willson. The Governor is pretty well tired out after the hard work of the legislative session and after wrestling with delegations which wanted bills signed, and he feels that he needs a change. He wants to get his mind off of the cares of State and the trip to New York will accomplish this.

During the last ten days the Governor has had his hands full. He has had nearly ninety bills on which he had to pass, either approving or disapproving them and it was a job which few governors have had on account of the fact that nearly all the bills passed by the last Legislature were passed in the last two or three days. The Governor had practically all the bills passed dumped on his hands at one time. He had to dispose of an average of about 9 a day during the ten days allowed him to approve or disapprove bills, and this was something of a task. He had many important bills to study and could approve or disapprove them only after he had investigated them all and after he had studied the condition of the treasury. He held up all the appropriation bills until the last and is preparing a message on the subject of appropriations and the financial condition of the State, in which he will discuss the needs and the bills which have been passed.

Those interested for or against certain of the bills have been calling on the Governor and have been telegraphing him ever since he took up the work on the bills. He has been getting hundreds of telegrams every day, urging him to sign certain bills and sometimes as many as ten delegations would call on him in a day. All this took up considerable time and put him so far behind with his correspondence that he had to work late at night in order to catch up. He had been answering his correspondence at night, during the last ten days.

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OSTEOPATHS MEET

The fifth regular meeting of the Central Kentucky Osteopathy Association, met in the Christian church Chapel in Frankfort on Tuesday last, with the following program:

Ten O'Clock.
Subject—"The Stomach and Intestines."—Teology of Gastric and Intestinal Ingestion—Dr. E. O. Vance.
Chronic Gastric Catarrh—Dr. S. W. Lorgan.

Noon.
Brief Business Session.
Gastric and Intestinal Neuroses—Dr. Martha Petree.

Relief of Distressing Gastric and Intestinal Symptoms, (Flatulence, Hypersecretion, Insomnia, pain, constipation, diarrhea, headache, nausea, vomiting, etc.)—Dr. Josephine Hogans.

Gastric Ulcer and Pyloric Stenosis—Dr. Oldham.
General discussion following each number.

The discussions proved very instructive and was enjoyed by others besides the members of whom the following were present: Doctor O. C. Robertson, Cynthia; Dr. S. W. Lorgan, Dr. Martha Petree, Paris; Dr. E. O. Vance and wife, Lexington; Dr. Virginia Amos, Georgetown; Dr. O. L. Buckmaster, Lexington; Dr. J. S. Oldham, Carlisle; Dr. Marie Aditt, Franklin.

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RESPITE

GRANTED LEO THURMAN.

AT REQUEST OF GOVERNOR WILLSON IN ORDER THAT FURTHER EVIDENCE CAN BE SECURED.

A special from Norfolk, Virginia yesterday afternoon said:

With everything in readiness for the execution to-day of Leo C. Thurman for the murder here in February, 1906, of Walter P. Dolsen, of Michigan, a long-distance telephone message from Gov. Swanson at 2:45 a. m. announced another respite for the con-

demned West Point, Ky., boy until April 10. The respite was granted at the personal request of Gov. Willson, of Kentucky, who asked it in order that Thurman's brother might secure further evidence.

EVIDENCE MUST BE IN BY 10TH. Gov. Swanson Sends Telegram to Gov. Willson.

Gov. Willson yesterday received the following telegram from Gov. Swanson of Virginia:

"In obedience to your request have given Leo Thurman another respite until Friday, April 10. Hope you will impress upon brother necessity of completing evidence at early date."

GOV. WILLSON MAKES APPEAL.

Gov. Willson Thursday night sent a telegram to Gov. Swanson, of Virginia, asking a short respite for Leo Thurman. Gov. Willson took this action at the earnest solicitation of C. G. Thurman, a brother of the condemned man. Thurman came to Frankfort to see Gov. Willson and urge that he be given time in which to gather evidence to show that his brother did not deserve death.

REVERSED

Decision Affecting Coal Law.

LESLIE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGMENT SET ASIDE BY APPELLATE BODY IN ACTION INVOLVING 40,000 ACRES.

The Court of Appeals in an opinion written by Judge Lassing Wednesday reversed the Leslie Circuit Court in the case of the Kentucky Union Company against the Commonwealth, involving the forfeiture of 40,000 acres of land in Leslie county for the non-payment of taxes.

The opinion says the judgment is affirmed in so far as it adjudges a forfeiture of the title and claim of the appellant, but for the reasons indicated the court orders a sale of the land and not of the forfeited title.

Commonwealth's attorney Ira Fields brought this suit against the company for its failure to assess the property for taxation in the years 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905, requesting that the title be forfeited and transferred to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In an amended petition the prayer was enlarged and asked for a sale of all the title and interest of the Kentucky Union Company in the land. The appeal was prosecuted from a judgment of the lower court for the forfeiture of the lands held by appellant and because of an error in the judgment of sale.

The defendant, by the express provisions of the law, has until the close of the first term of court, of the term at which the judgment of forfeiture is entered in which to file his petition, and it was error for the circuit court to order a sale of the property before the time had elapsed in which the defendant could file his petition, and bond to purchase back the property.

The constitutionality of this law was considered and upheld by the court in an exhaustive opinion by Chief Justice O'Rear in Eastern Kentucky Coal Lands Corporation against the Commonwealth.

No Whitewashing on Sunday.

Railroad companies must perform only such work as is actually necessary on the Sabbath, according to a decision handed down by Judge Lassing. The court holds that whitewashing the right of way and clearing it of weeds is not such work as is necessary and upholds the judgment of the Bracken Circuit Court, which entered a fine of \$400 against the C. & O. railroad for having its section hands work on Sunday.

Dr. Wallis Durham, a prominent young physician of Christian county, who was indicted on the charge of "night riding" surrendered at Hopkinsville and gave bond. Dr. Durham is alleged to have been a member of the band which whipped Presley H. Rogers, near Era.

At Hopkinsville Reb oWod was found guilty of sending a threatening letter signed "Night Riders" to Louis Dawson, and fined \$100 and sentenced to jail for three months.